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DPD 7954-59

20 November 1959

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)**

**SUBJECT: Program Approval for APG-53A Terrain  
Avoidance Radar**

**REFERENCE: DPD 7429-59, dated 30 October 1959**

1. The equipment involved in the subject Program Approval has been earmarked for our use, though it is in short supply. The Navy personnel with whom DPD has worked are being pressured to release it due to our hesitation in accepting their offer. As the result of this DPD has been called almost daily by our Navy contact to describe his embarrassment and request a decision.
2. The Navy has also expressed concern over the schedule for the P2V7 aircraft on which the APG-53A radar is to be installed, stating that if we delay too long, the aircraft will be committed to another active testing program, thereby making it nearly impossible to carry out the planned installation and test of the APG-53.
3. Your early consideration of this Program Approval is solicited.

**SIGNED**

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